

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, line 10, please amend the paragraph starting on this line as follows:

(Amended) Examples of the aforesaid polarizing plate include a polarizing film obtained by allowing a dichroic substance such as iodine or a dye to be adsorbed onto a hydrophilic polymer film such as a polyvinyl alcohol series film, partially formalized polyvinyl alcohol series film, ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer series partially saponified film, or cellulose series film and stretching the film; or a polyene oriented film such as a dehydrated product of polyvinyl alcohol or a dehydrochlorinated product of polyvinyl chloride. The polarizing plate may have a transparent protective layer onto one or both surfaces of the polarizing film.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 10-47 as follows:

10. An optical member comprising an easy-releasing protective member having an ink information for identification on at least one side of front side and back side on the optical material, wherein an optical transmittance of a portion with the ink information is no less than 90% of the optical transmittance of said portion without the ink information.

11. The optical member according to claim 10, wherein an optical transmittance of a portion without the ink information in the protective member is no less than 80%.